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ROAD AND TRUCK PARK DETERIORATION  
ROUTE 9, LAOS

(FOR COMPARISON SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARDS K-7592 AND K-7375)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS ROUTE 9 TO BE IN A STATE OF DISUSE IN THE VICINITY OF THE TRUCK PARKS AT 1639N 10622E AND 1639N 10620E. THESE TWO PARKS, ADJACENT TO THE SETTLEMENTS OF BA DA LANG AND BAN HANG RESPECTIVELY, ARE THEMSELVES REVEALED TO BE INACTIVE.



2. LOCATION:

THIS AREA IS LOCATED ON THAT SECTION OF ROUTE 9 IN SOUTHERN LAOS BETWEEN TCHEPONE AIRFIELD AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE BORDER.

3. REMARKS:

ROUTE 9 IS AN IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF THE LAOTIAN ROAD NET AND HAS BEEN USED BY NORTH VIETNAM TO TRANSSHIP PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES TO SOUTH VIETNAM AND SOUTHERN LAOS.

4. BACKGROUND:

POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF  25X1  
REVEALED NUMEROUS BOMB CRATERS AND HEAVY BOMB DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE AREA. NUMEROUS TRUCKS WERE OBSERVED TO BE SEVERELY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED IN THE TRUCK PARK. CARGO AND SUPPLIES WERE SCATTERED OVER THE AREA. BAN DA LANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER STREAM  WAS DESTROYED 25X1  
BUT BEING BY-PASSED.

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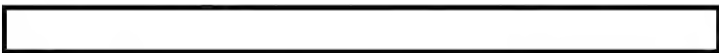

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5. MISSION READOUT:

 REVEALS ROUTE 9 AND  
THE TRUCK PARKS TO BE IN ACTIVE USE. 

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 REVEALS THE TRUCK PARKS TO BE INACTIVE AND ROUTE 9 TO BE  
PARTIALLY OVERGROWN. FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE LACK OF USE WAS PROVIDED  
BY THE OBSERVANCE OF INTERDICTED HIGHWAY SECTIONS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN  
BY-PASSED. NO SIGN OF ACTIVITY IS NOTED AT BAN DA LANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE  
OVER STREAM.



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